

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner considered the application to contain claims directed to two inventions. These are:

Group I, Claims 1-10 directed to an air separation device.

Group II, Claims 11-16 directed to a filter cartridge.

In response to the Office Action, Applicants have elected without traverse Group I, Claims 1-10 drawn to an air separation and dirt collection device. Claims 1-10 are currently pending in this application.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional(s) for the claims not elected in this restriction requirement.

Based upon the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-10 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the application at an early date with a view towards issuing a favorable action thereon. If upon review of the application, the Examiner is unable to issue an immediate Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney with a view towards resolving any outstanding issues.

Early and favorable action in connection with this application is earnestly solicited.

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